SENATE BILL 3390 By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 22, Part 1, relative to the "Drug Court Treatment Act of 2003".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 22, Part 1, is amended by adding the following:

§ 16-22-114.

- (a) Any judge of a court exercising juvenile jurisdiction may establish a drug court in the same manner as is provided by this part for judges of courts exercising criminal jurisdiction.
- (b) The legislative intent, general principles, definitions, guidelines, prohibitions, administrative requirements, ability to apply for grant funds and other provisions of this part established for drug courts operated by judges with criminal jurisdiction shall apply to any similar juvenile drug court established except:
 - (1) For purposes of determining if a juvenile is a "violent offender", the criteria shall be if the juvenile is charged with a delinquent act that would be a violent offense as defined by § 16-22-103(4) if committed by an adult.
 - (2) For purposes of the drug court fee established by § 16-22-109, the clerks of any court exercising juvenile jurisdiction shall collect the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) from any juvenile or the parent or guardian of any juvenile who is found to be a delinquent child, unruly child

or status offender for any violation of title 39, chapter 17, part 4; \S 57-5-301(d), or (e); or \S 57-4-203(b)(2).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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